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COUNTRY <u>Germany (Soviet Zone)</u>	REPORT <u></u>
TOPIC <u>Brandis Airfield</u>	
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1. On 2 April 1951, the Brandis (N 52/E 31) airfield was observed from all sides between 10:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. * About 200 to 250 soldiers were drilling in the barracks yard. An estimated 600 men, who wore light blue epaulets, were quartered in the barracks buildings. 50X1-HUM

2. It was observed from a distance of about 200 meters that four jet aircraft were parked in the eastern section of the landing field. Each plane had its air intake covered with a red cap. A large Soviet star was painted on the last third of the fuselages and a smaller red star was painted on their rudder assemblies. Both stars did not appear to have been bordered by another color. The upper edges of the rudder assemblies were painted blue on both sides. 50X1-HUM

3. Two dark, bomb-like objects were stored behind two jet planes. Another object of the same shape and painted red was 100 meters farther north. 50X1-HUM

4. Three biplanes and one jet plane were parked in front of an open hangar in the northwest corner of the field. No aircraft were seen in three open hangars. *** There was no flying although the weather was fair with occasional sunshine.

5. Three heavy tractors, several rollers and harrows were seen at the southern section of the landing field. A row of five flags, one white and four red ones, marked the southern border of the runway. Five sentries were observed on the landing field.

6. flights, with about three to six jet aircraft, were made on four mornings of the preceding week, and that the entire airfield had been graded and rolled on 31 March and 1 April. 50X1-HUM

* Comment. For layout sketch of airfield. see Annex. 50X1-HUM

Comment. The five jet planes observed probably do not represent the

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total occupation of the field since [redacted] ONE
fighter regiment was stationed in Brandis [redacted]
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Legend.

1. Main entrance: two sentries armed with rifles are posted there.
2. Three barracks buildings each with an estimated holding capacity of about 150 men.
3. Five two-family houses which are occupied. Among these there are several wooden sheds and temporary wooden buildings.
4. Long building.
5. Athletic grounds.
6. Large building.
7. 8, 9 - Eight small barracks buildings.
10. Large garage.
11. Building almost entirely destroyed.
12. East section of former Machern-Polenz road, blocked by barrier at its northern end.
13. Telephone line.
14. Hedge almost 2 meters high.
15. Horseshoe-shaped firing pit.
16. Section of former Machern-Polenz road, about 80 meters north of road fork; the road is blocked by a barrier.
17. Two places with inscription "Entrance strictly prohibited."
18. Pit, used as a garbage dump by local residents.
- 19a. Runway, in good condition, probably with asphalt cover because of the dark color.
- 19b. Extension strips of runway, probably with concrete cover, because of the light color.
- 19c. Taxiways, probably with cement cover.
- 19d. Cement apron in front of firing bunker.
20. Telephone line leading from concrete shelter (item 21) to barracks building.
21. Concrete shelter.
22. Wall of earth (revetment)
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24. Probably new semi-underground shelter.

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- 25, 26, 27 - Three hangars of approximately equal size.
- 28. Flight control station with wind sock.
- 29. Several small buildings and sheds.
- 30. Wire mesh fence.
- 31. Wooden fence, about 2.25 meters high.
- 32. Two trucks, one jeep, one van-like truck.

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